Delay in Indian Airlines flights

980. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an all round deterioration in the punctuality of flights of Indian Airlines at present;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have evaluated the working of Indian Airlines;

(d) if so, results of the evaluation; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to streamline its working and restore punctuality in its flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The punctuality of the operations of Indian Airlines depends on various factors within and outside the control of the Airlines, such as technical snags, weather, air traffic congestion, grounding of aircraft due to bird hits and other miscellaneous reasons. The punctuality rate had deteriorated during the last weeks, but it has shown a positive improvement now.

(c) to (e) The working of Indian Airlines is regularly monitored by the Government with a view to improving its performance, especially the punctuality of its flights and the attention paid to customer services.

मध्य प्रदेश में एक तेल-शोधक कारखाने की स्थापना

981. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में एक तेल-शोधक कारखाने की स्थापना करने के लिए एक व्यापक सर्वेक्षण किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस सर्वेक्षण का क्या परिणाम निकला है; और

(ग) इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द): (क) से (ग) सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में रिफाइनरी लगाने के लिए कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया है ।

Theft of Power in Delhi

982. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the major factors for power crisis in the capital is its theft and pilferage;

(b) whether the DESU officials have detected hundreds of cases of power theft and pilferage, recently;

(c) whether Government propose to further strengthen DESU's enforecment wing to check power theft and pilferage; and

(d) if so, the action contemplated by Government against those who have been found involved in power theft and pilferage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) While there is no major power crisis in the Capital as

such, a large number of cases of theft of electricity have been detected, during the raids conducted by officials of DESU in various localities.

(c) and (d) DESU has set up two full fledged Enforcement Divisions for checking theft of electricity in the Capital which are considered effective. The Government has already made 'theft of electricity' a cognizable offence under the Indian Electricity Act, 1910.

Flying of Air Bus with burst tyres

983. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether several VIPs had a providential escape when the pilot managed to land the airbus A-320 aircraft with two burst tyres on 13th July, 1991 at Banaglore airport;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said defect was noticed at the Delhi Airport 20 minutes after the take off;

(c) whether the plane was thoroughly checked before take off at Delhi airport; and

(d) if so, the reasons for which the plane with burst tyres was allowed to take off and what action is contemplated by Government against the erring officers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) A statement is attached.

Statement

(a) No, Sir. There was no incident of tyre burst on flight IC-803 *from* Delhi to Bangalore on 13.7.91. However, the tyre capping of No. 4 main wheel got detached during take off *from Delhi*. The landing at Bangalore was normal.

(b) Air Traffic Control, Delhi reported presence of tyre capping pieces on the runway after flight IC-803 of 13 July 1991 had departed for Bangalore. This was intimated to the Captain through Nagpur ATC.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There was no case of burst tyres. The take off at Delhi was normal.

Completion of Tehri Hydro Power Project

984. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tehri Hydro Power Project would be completed in time notwithstanding the escalation of cost due to devaluation of rupee;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether all the oustee family from the dam site have been duly rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tehri Hydro Power Project is envisaged to be completed by March, 1997 at a cost of Rs. 3804 crores at March, 1991 price level.

(c) First phase rehabilitation involves resettlement of 2313 rural families and shifting of population of old Tehri Town. Against this, 2137 rural families have already been rehabilitated.

Expansion of Tirupati and Vijayawada Airports

985. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATON AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tirupati and Vijayawada airports are being expanded to provide for night